

House Resolution 317

By: Representatives Battles of the 15th, Loudermilk of the 14th, and Graves of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Doug Ferguson and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Doug Ferguson was born on December 28, 1946, to John Lewis Ferguson and
4 Jessie Lorene Ferguson of Emerson, Georgia, and he lived his entire life in Emerson; and

5 WHEREAS, Doug married Melissa Stokes on March 19, 1969, and they had two sons, Aaron
6 and Alexander, who also reside in Emerson; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1994, he opened Doug's Place Restaurant in the former Moms Groceries
8 store building, a landmark in Emerson that is over 100 years old; and

9 WHEREAS, Doug was instrumental in establishing an annual "Emerson Reunion" bringing
10 together former and current Emerson residents for a great time of fellowship and
11 strengthening of the Emerson identity; and

12 WHEREAS, Doug's Place was recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives in 2001
13 by means of House Resolution 575 commending Doug's Place Restaurant for being "a fine
14 eating establishment known far and wide as a place for good food, fast service, and ample
15 servings; and the success of this venture no doubt is due to the strong work ethic, fairness,
16 honesty, and talent of the very dedicated Ferguson family."; and

17 WHEREAS, Doug Ferguson passed away on January 14, 2007, but he shall never be
18 forgotten by the citizens of Emerson; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Emerson have decided it would be in the best
20 interest of the citizens of Emerson, the friends and family of Doug Ferguson, and all the
21 patrons who enjoy Doug's Place to memorialize Doug Ferguson by naming the bridge being
22 erected over Hwy 41 in Emerson, Georgia, the Doug Ferguson Memorial Bridge.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the bridge being erected over Hwy 41, in
25 Emerson, Georgia, as the Doug Ferguson Memorial Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Doug Ferguson Memorial
28 Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Doug Ferguson,
31 the Mayor and City Council of Emerson, Georgia, and the Department of Transportation.